

INTRO

Republic of Mauritius

Latitude: -20.3 east

Longitude: 57.58 south

Mauritius is 1,864 sq. Km

In 1598, Vice Admiral Wybrandt van Warwyck claimed the island for the Netherlands, christening it after his ruler, Maurice, Prince of Orange and Count of Nassau.

Capital City : Port-Louis

TITRE Mauritius Star and Key of the Indian Ocean

MODULE Peuplement de l'île/Port Louis

The island's capital and largest city is Port Louis, in the northwest.

The city is perhaps the best place to appreciate the cultural diversity of Mauritius ... and its colonial heritage ... this is the port created by Mahe de Labourdonnais in the 18th century and that has now grown into one of the most colorful cities of the Indian Ocean ...

Island residents are the descendants of people from the Indian subcontinent, continental Africa, Madagascar, France, England, China

It is the heart of the country (the chef lieu of the government ... of most of the businesses ...)

it is where we see a nation with a thousand faces ... La cite offre une multitudes de facettes ... des rues centenaires où se logent des head office ... des maisons traditionnelles cotoient des magasins centenaires ...

Today's developpement echoes the founder of the city ... french governor Mahe de Labourdonnais vision ... Port Louis was destined to become a very important port ... une fourmiere qui construit en permanence ... qui mue tout en conservant une identite creole ... ou le traditionnel se marie avec le moderne ...

MODULE RELIGION

The mixed colonial past of Mauritius is reflected in its culture ...

population movements during the last three centuries have made Mauritius a unique blend of different races, cultures and religions.

Never be surprised if you find a temple dravidien ... a mosque ... a church or a pagoda in a same village ... This compose a mosaic

Indian ... Hindus and Muslims ... African, European and Chinese co-exist peacefully in the country and work together to build a young country ... facing many economic challenges abroad and locally ...

Any visitor driving accross the country would be amazed by the congeniality and hospitality of Mauritians ... the warmth of the population may be attributed to a unique quality ... tolerance ...

we have a common past ... we share the same land ... we believed in a land of opportunities ... in the land the fact we all shared XX have cemented a society

immigrant population brought from their ancestral countries diverse cultures and religions

Thus we celebrate various festivities all the year long ... in a spirit of peace and harmony ... everyone's faith has been very well preserved without allowing one to swamp the other.

The year would be rythme with Cavadi ... Divali The Festival of Lights celebrated in a spirit of pure joy,

Every September 9, Mauritians of all faiths walk or drive towards the tomb of the Blessed Jacques Désiré Laval, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated by Hindus in honour of the birth of Ganesha, God of wisdom.

The Id-El-Fitr festival signals the end of the Ramadan - the fasting period for Muslim people.

Ougadi is the Telugu New Year and is usually celebrated in March.

Spring Festival

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notre culture à nous
- + remembrance hon

Module Institutions avec images 12 mars, courtoisie, H du gvt etc

Mauritius is a parliamentary democracy ... Independence was proclaimed on 12 March 1968. Mauritius achieved the status of Republic 24 years later on 12 March 1992.

Since its change of status to that of Republic in 1992, the Head of the State is the President, who is appointed by the National Assembly for a five-year term ... The current President is Sir Aneerood Jugnauth.

The National Assembly consists of 62 members elected directly by popular vote ...

The government is headed by the prime minister and a council of ministers ... Dr Navin Ramgoolam is the Prime Minister of Mauritius ...

Module infrastructures

Since independence in 1968, Mauritius has developed from a low-income, agriculturally based economy to a middle income diversified economy with growing industrial, financial, and tourist sectors.

Estimated at \$16.28 billion for 2005, Mauritius has the 2nd highest GDP per capita in the whole of Africa. It is only exceeded by Equatorial Guinea,

The latest figures show that growth is estimated at 4,6 % this year ... thanks to booming sectors as construction Gross Domestic Product should be more than 6% in 2006

the sectors attracting investors are the hotel industry ... the development of Integrated Resorts Schemes ... textile industries ... and sea food hub ...

according to the National Accounts estimates ... the exports of goods and services will reach 13,1 % in 2006

Module economie

The economy was based for a long time on **sugarcane** crops ... introduced by the Dutch ... is grown on about 90% of the cultivated land area and accounts for 25% of export earnings.

this has been the backbone of all socio economic activities since then ... but changes on the international market triggered the need to refocus the sector to centralise the industry to cut cost and be more competitive .. diversify is leading to the production of sucre speciaux and ethanol for instance ...

The **textile** industry was born in the seventies with the setting up of a free zone ... thanks to a main d'oeuvre adaptable ... cheap but reliable labor ... the free zone transformed into a pillar that placed Mauritius as one of the most important exporters of pull overs ... and shirts ... Today ... the industry is reinventing itself ... nurturing creators in order to develop niche markets ... after years of contraction ... the sector is recovering and recorded a 1.5 % growth this year ...

Financial services

In order to diversify its economy ... Mauritius set up the legal environment for banks, insurance and reinsurance companies, fund managers and professionals to conduct their international business. The economic success achieved in the 1980s engendered the rapid growth of the financial services sector in Mauritius. Offshore Banking, International Financial Services, Aircraft Financing and Leasing, International Trading are among the types of offshore activities conducted in Mauritius :

Mauritius has attracted more than 9,000 offshore entities; many aimed at commerce in India and South Africa while investment in the banking sector alone has reached over USD 1 billion.

Apart from its natural physical assets as a tropical island, it is also distinguished by the excellent service available in its hotels, its safe environment, and its diverse cultures.

This year alone ... Mauritius shall attract up to 810 000 tourists ... our main market is France and England ... but arrivals from asian countries are increasing ... La convivialite et les charmes naturelles de l'île sont des offres trop alléchantes qu'on ne peut refuser ...

Le tourisme est un gros secteur ... plusieurs milliards sont investis chaque année ... le secteur genere aussi beaucoup d'emploi ...

Module Beautés Naturelles caption B Penny ?

In 1847, Mauritius became the fifth country in the world to issue postage stamps. the Red Penny and the Blue Penny are probably the most famous stamps in the world, being very rare Mauritius was also the only known habitat of the extinct Dodo bird ... The Dutch are known to be responsible for its extinction ...

The riches of this country do not lie only in its colonial past ...
The whole island is a variation de couleurs et de tons ...

Mauritius is part of the Mascarene Islands et comme les autres îles de la région ... ses atouts résident dans sa faune et sa flore ... ce qui attire énormément de touristes ... 810 mille cette année ...
On recense 700 espèces de plantes indigènes et une grande variété de trésors de mer et de richesses infinies.

Tourists and locals can enjoy mountain climbing or explore nature through forests, plants or endemic flowers ... the spectacular beauty of waterfalls ... a trek across the country is an exciting adventure

breath-taking views on foot, on bike or kayak; or go trekking through fields, rivers and forests on all-terrain quad bikes and discover the magnificent views of the south-eastern coastal

The jewel in the crown is Pamplemousse Garden ... one of the most famous botanical gardens in the world ... The gardens are known to naturalists throughout the world for their large collection of indigenous and exotic plants. The 60-acre garden boasts 500 different species of plants, of which 80 are palms. Of particular interest are the giant water lilies, a spice garden and the Talipot Palms, said to flower every 60 years after which they die.

real paradise for those who want to enjoy the sea or just to soak up the sun. Here is a list of the island's finest public beaches.

a blend of diverse cultures and religions ... The population is around 1,2 million and comes from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds.
Friendly faces of the Mauritian people

14 April 2005

Re: Attestation for Ms. Vidoushi Seebaluck

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir or Madam

This letter confirms that Miss Vidoushi Seebaluck has worked in collaboration with me as a research officer from April 2004 to October 2004.

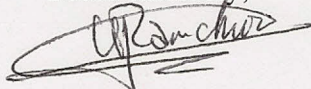
Her duties were to gather background information, contact persons and photographic sources on various topics in the context the production of a series of monthly television documentaries entitled "Une Vie, Une Traversée". She also had the responsibility to collate and process the information into manageable files. To date, her work has gone in the completion of the following programmes:

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| "La mémoire des Rails" | Two 26-minute programmes on the history of trains in Mauritius |
| "Un Fou du Cheval" | a 26-minute documentary on the life experience of an old stable lad and on the history of the Mauritius Turf Club. |
| "Sir Football" | A 26-minute documentary on Mahmade Elahee and on the history of football in Mauritius. |
| "Charlésia, voix des Chagos" | A 26-minute documentary on the life and times of Charlésia Alexis, a Chagossian activist. |

In all my dealings with Miss Seebaluck, I have also found her to be extremely motivated, dedicated and eager to learn. She has a good sense of organisation and has always managed to meet the very tight deadlines, which our work often entails.

I think that she has acquired a number of valuable skills during her experience in television. I am convinced that her aptitude to learn and persistence will make her a valuable employee in any field that requires creativity, efficiency and communication skills.

Yours sincerely,



Utam Ramchurn
Producer (Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation)

UTAM RAMCHURN

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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

UNIVERSITY LEVEL

1997 –2000 -Goldsmiths College, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

CERTIFICATES: BA in Communications, Upper Second Class (2:1)

- Acquired a wide-ranging understanding of media industries, ethics and practices
- Developed excellent written and verbal Communication Skills
- Developed simultaneous aptitudes of working independently as well as being an active team member

SECONDARY

1989- 1996- Collège du Saint Esprit

Received a classical secondary school education

Simultaneously took Alliance Française examinations from Septième to Terminale

MAJOR CERTIFICATES:

- Nov 96:** HSC/ A' levels (AAA) with English French and Art
Proclaimed *LAUREATE on Arts side* and awarded State Scholarship
- 1996:** Alliance Française, Classe de Terminale: *Premier Prix de Supériorité*
Lauréat de la Bourse de l'Alliance Française côté Garçons
- Nov 95** HSC/ A' levels (AAB) with English, French and Art
- Nov 93** SC – (Aggregate results: 9) Distinction 1 in English, French and Art
Distinction 2 in Physics, Maths and Chemistry

AWARDS AND TRAINING

- 2003:** received training in documentary conception and Scriptwriting from the CIRTEF in the context of an MBC-CIRTEF Coproduction.
- 2004:** Obtained the *Prix Micheline Vaillancourt* created by the Communauté des Télévisions Francophones for my documentary: *La couleur à travers les barreaux*.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2002 – 2004 :** Employed as a Producer, initially on freelance and now on 2-year contract till 2005 (MAURITIUS)
- 2000 –2002:** Undertook various jobs in hospitality and catering (LONDON)
- 1999 (Mauritius):** While on university vacation, worked as a Feature Presenter for an MCA programme: *NEWS AND VIEWS ON EDUCATION*.
- Did unpaid work acting as contact person and assisting in the conception of a co-production between the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation for a programme on the National Youth Policy.
- 1998 (London):** Did unpaid work during summer vacation working on 4 different student films. Video showreel available on request

SKILLS IN AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTION AND MEDIA

- Planning** A strong grasp of Conception, Planning, Scriptwriting, Storyboarding, Directing and general organisational skills linked to audiovisual production
- Technical** A good understanding of professional video cameras (BETA)
Basic skills in offline editing software: *AVID Media Composer* and *AVID Express*

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Language and Communication** Fluent in oral and written French and English.
Good Communicator -Team Player-Capacity to interact with people.
- Efficiency** Organised and Methodical at approaching problems –can handle high pressure environments and time-bound situations.
- Creativity** A keen artistic flair and innovative approaches derived from an interest in the Arts.
- IT** Fully IT Conversant. Skilled in basic Graphic Packages: ADOBE Photoshop, COREL DRAW. General Word Processing and MICROSOFT Office skills.